

To: All Committee Members and Interested Stakeholders with the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals Project
From: Marilyn Latta and the Administrative Core Group
Re: Project Updates as of 8/13/08

Hi all,

I want to introduce myself and let you know that I recently started as the new full-time Project Manager for the SF Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals Project. I know many of you from my past work as Restoration Director at Save The Bay, and as a member of the Restoration Committee for the Project. I will be working closely with the Administrative Core Group, helping to manage the project process, committee meetings, and overall outcomes leading up to the development of the Goals Document. Note that all of the agency staff in the Administrative Core Group are still active in the project, and you can feel free to be in contact with them as well (list attached).

I am excited to work with all of you and help the process to flow smoothly as we prepare to reinstate committee meetings after a hiatus since February 2008. Your participation in the process is invaluable and your time is very much appreciated. We look forward to continued work together to establish a strong regional vision for the research, management, and restoration of subtidal habitats in the bay. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, or suggestions on any aspects of the Project or your past work in committees. I will be contacting many of you individually for your feedback as we move forward.

In addition to now having a full-time Project Manager committed to the Subtidal Goals Project, we are working to secure funding to hire a Science Advisor who will be an additional resource for the Committees. Also, we have a need to add new committee members as several of our committee colleagues have switched jobs, moved out of the area, or have other work scheduling conflicts that make it difficult for them to participate. Please let me know if you have suggestions for good contacts for the Science Advisor, and Science, Management, and Restoration working committees, as well as for general project outreach.

We will be back in touch later in August with a more detailed update on the next steps for the Project, including Fall committee meeting dates, times, and agendas. We also plan to have an expanded project website up and running in the next two months, with more detailed information so that you can easily keep updated and involved.

I am truly excited to be part of this important project, and I look forward to working with each of you!

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